AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A contactless IC card responding to a request sent from a reader/writer at using a specific time slot selected from one or a plurality of time slots given by the reader/writer, comprising:

measuring unit operable to measure electromotive force derived from the reader/writer; and

response slot deciding unit operable to decide the specific time <u>slot to respond</u> based on the electromotive force measured by the measuring unit.

11. (Currently Amended) The contactless IC card according to claim 10, where a distance between the contactless IC card and the reader/writer is fixed, wherein the response slot deciding unit decides the specific time <u>slot</u> based on prestored information indicating relation between electromotive force and magnetic field intensity and the value of the electromotive force measured by the measuring unit.

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- 12. (Original) The contactless IC card according to claim 11, further comprises magnetic field intensity obtaining unit operable to obtain, from the request, information regarding the magnetic field intensity of the electromagnetic waves outputted from the reader/writer.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The contactless IC card according to claim 10, wherein the response slot deciding unit decides the specific time <u>slot</u> based on a differential value at the transition of electromotive force and prestored information indicating relation between electromotive force and magnetic field intensity.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A responding method of contactless IC card responding to a request sent from a reader/writer at using a specific time slot selected from one or a plurality of time slots given by the reader/writer, comprising the steps of:

measuring the electromotive force derived from the reader/writer; and deciding the specific time <u>slot to respond</u> based on the measurement result measured by the measuring unit.

15. (Currently Amended) A program that allows a contactless IC card responding to a request sent from a reader/writer at using a specific time slot selected from one or a plurality of time slots given by the reader/writer to execute the steps of:

measuring the electromotive force derived from the reader/writer; and deciding the specific time slot to respond based on the measurement result measured at the step of measuring the electromotive force.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recoding medium recording a program that allows a contactless IC card responding to a request sent from a reader/writer at using a specific time slot selected from one or a plurality of time slots given by the reader/writer to execute the steps of:

measuring the electromotive force derived from the reader/writer; and

deciding the specific time <u>slot to respond</u> based on the measurement result measured at the step of measuring the electromotive force.

17. (New) The contactless IC Card according to claim 10, wherein the response slot deciding unit estimates location of the card with respect to other contactless IC cards, and decides the specific time slot based on the estimated result.